MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE* OF INMATES ADMITTED TO SCDC FY 2017

| OFFENSE | BLACK | MALES | BLACK | FEMALES | WHITE MALES | | WHITE FEMALES | | OTHER MALES | | OTHER FEMALES | | TOTAL | |
|----------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-------------|---------|---------------|---------|-------------|---------|---------------|---------|--------|---------|
| CLASSIFICATION | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| DANGEROUS DRUGS | 787 | 20.1% | 27 | 10.5% | 656 | 20.8% | 279 | 32.8% | 40 | 24.1% | 6 | 46.2% | 1,795 | 21.5% |
| BURGLARY | 526 | 13.4% | 17 | 6.6% | 518 | 16.4% | 70 | 8.2% | 20 | 12.0% | 1 | 7.7% | 1,152 | 13.8% |
| LARCENY | 257 | 6.6% | 51 | 19.9% | 321 | 10.2% | 114 | 13.4% | 6 | 3.6% | 0 | 0.0% | 749 | 9.0% |
| ASSAULT | 363 | 9.3% | 29 | 11.3% | 227 | 7.2% | 30 | 3.5% | 16 | 9.6% | 0 | 0.0% | 665 | 8.0% |
| FAMILY OFFENSE | 256 | 6.5% | 22 | 8.6% | 231 | 7.3% | 70 | 8.2% | 12 | 7.2% | 1 | 7.7% | 592 | 7.1% |
| ROBBERY | 360 | 9.2% | 16 | 6.3% | 126 | 4.0% | 14 | 1.6% | 9 | 5.4% | 0 | 0.0% | 525 | 6.3% |
| TRAFFIC OFFENSE | 246 | 6.3% | 17 | 6.6% | 180 | 5.7% | 48 | 5.6% | 12 | 7.2% | 2 | 15.4% | 505 | 6.0% |
| WEAPON OFFENSE | 209 | 5.3% | 3 | 1.2% | 82 | 2.6% | 8 | 0.9% | 6 | 3.6% | 0 | 0.0% | 308 | 3.7% |
| FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY | 72 | 1.8% | 27 | 10.5% | 107 | 3.4% | 76 | 8.9% | 4 | 2.4% | 0 | 0.0% | 286 | 3.4% |
| STOLEN VEHICLE | 133 | 3.4% | 2 | 0.8% | 126 | 4.0% | 19 | 2.2% | 2 | 1.2% | 0 | 0.0% | 282 | 3.4% |
| HOMICIDE | 170 | 4.3% | 10 | 3.9% | 59 | 1.9% | 14 | 1.6% | 6 | 3.6% | 1 | 7.7% | 260 | 3.1% |
| SEXUAL ASSAULT | 83 | 2.1% | 0 | 0.0% | 139 | 4.4% | 5 | 0.6% | 23 | 13.9% | 0 | 0.0% | 250 | 3.0% |
| OBSTRUCTING POLICE | 98 | 2.5% | 11 | 4.3% | 66 | 2.1% | 12 | 1.4% | 1 | 0.6% | 0 | 0.0% | 188 | 2.2% |
| FORGERY/COUNTERFEIT | 55 | 1.4% | 10 | 3.9% | 55 | 1.7% | 38 | 4.5% | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 7.7% | 159 | 1.9% |
| SEX OFFENSES | 80 | 2.0% | 1 | 0.4% | 54 | 1.7% | 4 | 0.5% | 4 | 2.4% | 0 | 0.0% | 143 | 1.7% |
| KIDNAPPING | 61 | 1.6% | 0 | 0.0% | 34 | 1.1% | 3 | 0.4% | 2 | 1.2% | 1 | 7.7% | 101 | 1.2% |
| STOLEN PROPERTY | 26 | 0.7% | 1 | 0.4% | 43 | 1.4% | 9 | 1.1% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 79 | 0.9% |
| DAMAGE TO PROPERTY | 18 | 0.5% | 2 | 0.8% | 28 | 0.9% | 3 | 0.4% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 51 | 0.6% |
| ACCESSORY TO FELONY | 21 | 0.5% | 5 | 2.0% | 12 | 0.4% | 8 | 0.9% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 46 | 0.6% |
| FLIGHT/ESCAPE | 10 | 0.3% | 0 | 0.0% | 20 | 0.6% | 3 | 0.4% | 1 | 0.6% | 0 | 0.0% | 34 | 0.4% |
| INVASION | 16 | 0.4% | 0 | 0.0% | 12 | 0.4% | 2 | 0.2% | 1 | 0.6% | 0 | 0.0% | 31 | 0.4% |
| ARSON | 9 | 0.2% | 2 | 0.8% | 14 | 0.4% | 5 | 0.6% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 30 | 0.4% |
| SMUGGLING | 9 | 0.2% | 0 | 0.0% | 9 | 0.3% | 6 | 0.7% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 24 | 0.3% |
| CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY | 9 | 0.2% | 0 | 0.0% | 9 | 0.3% | 3 | 0.4% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 21 | 0.3% |
| PROPERTY CRIME | 7 | 0.2% | 0 | 0.0% | 14 | 0.4% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 21 | 0.3% |
| PUBLIC PEACE | 11 | 0.3% | 0 | 0.0% | 2 | 0.1% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 13 | 0.2% |
| CRIME AGAINST PERSON | 2 | 0.1% | 2 | 0.8% | 4 | 0.1% | 4 | 0.5% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 12 | 0.1% |
| CONSERVATION | 4 | 0.1% | 0 | 0.0% | 3 | 0.1% | 1 | 0.1% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 8 | 0.1% |
| POSSESSION TOOLS | 1 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 6 | 0.2% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 7 | 0.1% |
| OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE | 3 | 0.1% | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.1% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 5 | 0.1% |
| MISPRISON TO FELONY | 4 | 0.1% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 4 | 0.0% |
| OBSCENE MATERIAL | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.6% | 0 | 0.0% | 2 | 0.0% |
| GAMBLING | 1 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.1% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 2 | 0.0% |
| COMMERCIALIZED SEX | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.4% | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.1% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 2 | 0.0% |
| HABITUAL OFFENDER | 2 | 0.1% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 2 | 0.0% |
| EXTORTION | 1 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.0% |
| LICENSE VIOLATION | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.0% |
| MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE | 1 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.0% |
| TOTAL | 3,911 | 100.0% | 256 | 100.0% | 3,160 | 100.0% | 851 | 100.0% | 166 | 100.0% | 13 | 100.0% | 8,357 | 100.0% |

^{*}Highlighted areas indicate most common offenses for each demographic group. Inmates often are committed to SCDC with many offenses, with each carrying a specific sentence, county of commitment, etc. To facilitate statistical reporting, SCDC determines a single "most serious offense" (MSO) for each inmate. Before August 2005, the offense with the longest sentence determined MSO. Effective August 2005, inmates' MSO is the offense with the highest severity level (i.e. offenses are classified between severity level 1 and 5, with 5 as the most severe). In cases where an inmate has multiple offenses at the same severity level, SCDC considers the category of each offense, where homicide offenses take precedence, followed by sex offenses and violent offenses. If multiple offenses exist within the same category, the offense with the longest sentence then determines MSO. Because of this definitional change, post-2005 MSO data cannot be compared to pre-2005 MSO data.

Note: Percentages may not add up due to rounding.

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